

**LIBERIA.**  
Messrs. Editors—As the friends of Colonization will doubtless be pleased to see the rapid progress that Liberia is making in the acquisition of additional territory, and the great prosperity that is now enjoyed by that rising republic in all respects, I send you the following extract from the last annual report of the Colonization Society which you will please to copy in your useful and widely circulated paper, and greatly oblige your friend and obedient servant,  
B. T. KAVANAGH.  
Indianapolis, March 25, 1846.

LIBERIA still presents itself to the view of the civilized world, as a bright and luminous spot on Africa's dark border. It is the brightest star of promise which kindles its light in her black horizon. It is the most apparent means of her deliverance from bondage. It possesses elements of moral power which do not pertain to any other scheme of benevolence. No candid person, we are persuaded, can compare the state of Liberia and its immediate neighborhood, with the rest of Africa, and not be convinced that it is a successful enterprise, fraught with incalculable benefits, unattainable in any other way. It has met and overcome all the peculiar evils under which the African race are suffering, and has rendered apparent every means which need be employed for their redemption! Slavery and the slave trade and piracy, have ceased wherever the influence of Liberia has been felt. While law and order, civilization and Christianity, with all their attendant blessings, have been introduced. As in the land of Egypt, of old, darkness and plagues desolated all its borders, save only where Israel dwelt, and there was light and mercy; so moral darkness and seven-fold plagues curse all Africa's coast, save only where the colonial abides, and there blessings abound and safety dwells.

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**"The Ocean-Bound Republic."**  
BY T. RANDOLPH HUBBERT.  
"I would make this an 'Ocean-Bound Republic,' and have no more disputes about limits, or red lines upon the map."—Judge Douglas's Texas speech, January 6, 1845.  
This continent is merely large land, every inch of our republic's expansion. We have the right from God's Heaven, from destiny, to all of it—every inch of it!"—Hon. Mr. Sawyer's Oregon speech, February 3, 1846.

The "Ocean-Bound Republic," how beautiful it looms From Patagonia's distant shore to Melville's Arctic gloom; With her myriad plains and valleys, her myriad hills and mountains, Her gleaming lakes and rivers long, and thousand sparkling fountains.

With her moral, physical, and every grade Of intellect, or happy form that nature has displayed, With her varied skies, and climate, and each production rare Of element for every taste and good that man should share.

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[The annexed account—From Mr. Headley's sketch of the career of Lannes, in the last number of the American Review—of the closing scene in that gallant hero's life, and the fearful rout at Lobau, will be read with interest.]

In the summer of 1809, after Vienna had fallen into his hands, Napoleon determined to cross the Danube and give the Archduke Charles battle on the farther shore. The Danube, near Vienna, flows in a wide stream, embracing many islands in its slow and majestic movement over the plain. Bonaparte resolved to pass it at two points at the same time,—at Nussdorf, about a mile above Vienna, and against the island of Lobau, farther down the river. Lannes took charge of the upper pass, and Massena of the lower—the two heroes of the coming battle of Aspern. Lannes, failing in his attempt, the whole army was concentrated at Lobau, on the evening of the 19th of May. Bonaparte surprised the Austrians on the island, and, taking possession of it and the other islands around it, had nothing to do but to throw bridges from Lobau to the northern bank of the Danube, in order to march his army over to the extended plains of Marchfeld, that stretched away from the Danube to the heights of the Vienna mountains. Archduke Charles, with a hundred thousand men. Through unwearied efforts, Bonaparte was able to assemble on the farther shore, on the morning of the 21st, forty thousand men. The Archduke saw, from the heights he occupied, every movement of the French army, which seemed by its rashness and folly, to be rushing into the very jaws of destruction.

It was a cloudless summer morning, and as the glorious sun came flashing over the hill tops, a forest of glittering bayonets rent back its beams. The grass and flowers looked up smilingly to the blue heavens, both of which seemed unconscious of the carnage that was to end the day. Just as the sun had reached its zenith, the Archduke saw the French army heard along the heights, answered by shouts that shook the earth, and the roll of drums and thousands of trumpets, and wild choruses of the soldiers. While Bonaparte was still struggling to get his army over the bridge, while Lannes' corps was on the farther side, and Davoust in Vienna, the Austrian army, eighty thousand men, came rolling down the mountains, and the French army, which was on the less force. Fourteen thousand cavalry accompanied this magnificent host, while nearly three hundred cannon came trundling, with the sound of thunder, over the ground. 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